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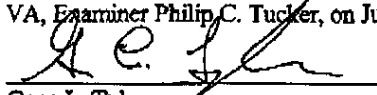
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 08/15/03

In response to the Examiner's office action in the above named and numbered patent application, wherein Claims 1, 2, 4-13, and 15-19 stand as rejected and Claim 20 is withdrawn from consideration, the applicant makes the following amendments and comments and respectfully requests allowance of the claims as amended.

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